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61-YEAR-OLD TEXAS MAN SENTENCED TO 87 MONTHS IN PRISON FOR TRAVELING TO ARIZONA FOR SEX WITH A CHILD

PHOENIX –The United States Attorney’s Office for the District of Arizona, announced that on September 29, 2004, David Donan, DOB 11/23/42, who has residences in Austin, Texas and San Diego, Calif., was sentenced to 87 months in prison, lifetime supervised release and fined \$25,000 for Travel with Intent to Engage in Sexual Conduct with a Minor by U.S. District Court Judge Earl H. Carroll in Phoenix. The defendant was also ordered to register as a sex offender and to undergo sex offender treatment.

The defendant’s sentence was the result of his guilty plea on February 20, 2004. The investigation revealed that during the approximate time frame of September 18 to October 20, 2003, the defendant had been communicating via the Internet with an undercover police officer, who was then purporting to be an adult woman with a 7-year-old daughter. Through Internet communications, the defendant indicated that he wanted to have sexual relations with the woman and her child and made plans to travel from Texas to Phoenix for that purpose. Prior to the travel, the undercover agent told the defendant that “her daughter” loved a certain type of candy.

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On October 20, 2003, the defendant traveled to Phoenix and was arrested. At the time of the arrest, the defendant had in his possession numerous sexual toys and devices, lubricating gels and 37 bags of the type of candy the woman had indicated the child liked.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the FBI and the Phoenix Police Department.

The prosecution was handled by Sharon K. Sexton, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix.

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